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Israel Defense Forces updates on the August 26 2000hrs to August 27 2100 hrs.

Israel Defense Forces:

IDF: The Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi met with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. during his visit in Israel.

During the visit, the commanders held a situational assessment in the Israeli Air Force Operational Command Center yesterday (Sunday). Today (Monday), the commanders visited the headquarters of the Northern Command, where they were presented with the ongoing combat against Hezbollah during the war and the operational plans for the future.

The commanders discussed security and strategic issues regarding the expansion of operational tools and the strengthening of regional partnerships as part of the response to threats in the Middle East.

The IDF will continue to deepen its relationship with the U.S. Armed Forces out of a commitment to strengthening regional stability and the coordination between the two militaries.

Attached are related photos: <https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC17442608>

Attached is a related video: <https://bit.ly/3YVs90n>

IDF: Following the sirens that sounded at 18:36 in the Upper Galilee area, a number of suspicious aerial targets were identified crossing from Lebanon into Israeli territory. A number of fallen projectiles were identified in the area. No injuries were reported.

Additionally, following the sirens that sounded at 18:59 in the Western Galilee area, a number of suspicious aerial targets were identified approaching Israeli territory from Lebanon. The IDF Aerial Defense Array successfully intercepted most of them. A fallen projectile was identified in the area. No injuries were reported.

Sirens regarding rocket and missile launches were activated due to the possibility of falling shrapnel from the interception.

IDF: Sirens sounded in Netu'a, northern Israel.

IDF: 90% of the Rockets Launched by Hezbollah Early Sunday Morning Were Launched From Civilian Areas and Facilities

Early Sunday morning, following the detection of preparations by Hezbollah to launch missiles and rockets aimed toward the north and the center of the State of Israel, the IDF struck Hezbollah targets that posed an immediate threat.

During the strike, about 230 launches and 20 aerial targets were identified crossing into Israeli territory.

The Hezbollah terrorist organization places its terrorist infrastructure in the middle of the civilian population while using Lebanese civilians as human shields. 90% of the launches were from the heart of a civilian area, near civilian facilities such as mosques, schools, UN sites, etc.

Attached are infographics revealing the launch sites from which Hezbollah planned to fire: <https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC2608411098561465>

IDF: Earlier today, the IAF struck a Hezbollah military structure and terrorist infrastructure sites in the areas of Meiss El Jabal, Khiam, Hajir, and Bint Jbeil in southern Lebanon.

Attached is a video of the strikes: <https://bit.ly/3Z0f3ih>

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IDF: A short while ago, a report was received regarding an incident of an abduction in the Samaria area. Upon receiving the report, forces were dispatched to the scene, and are blocking routes and conducting searches in the area. The details are under review.

IDF: Following the report regarding an incident of an abduction in the Samaria area, after conducting searches in the area, the suspicion of an abduction incident has been ruled out.

IDF: Sirens sounded in Kibbutz Nahal Oz, southern Israel.

IDF: Following the sirens that sounded in the area of Kibbutz Nahal Oz a short while ago, it was determined to be a false identification.

IDF: Following the siren that sounded a short while ago in the area of Manara, it was determined to be a false identification.

IDF: Sirens sounded in northern Israel.

Joint IDF and ISA Announcement:

Cleared for Publication: Today (Tuesday), the IDF and ISA rescued the hostage Qaid Farhan Alkadi, aged 52, from Rahat, who was abducted by the Hamas terror organization into the Gaza Strip on October 7th.

Qaid Farhan Alkadi was rescued by Shayetet 13, the 401st Brigade, Yahalom, and ISA forces under the command of the 162nd Division in a complex operation in the southern Gaza Strip.

No further details can be published due to considerations of the safety of our hostages, the security of our forces, and national security.

He is in a stable medical condition and is being transferred for medical checks at a hospital. His family has been updated with the details, and the IDF is accompanying them.

Israeli security forces will continue to operate with all means to bring home the hostages.

IDF: The Chief of General Staff, LTG Herzl Halevi, completed a situational assessment along with the Commanding Officer of the Southern Command, the Head of the Operations Directorate (J3), the Head of the Intelligence Directorate (J2), MG Nitzan Alon, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Unit, and representatives from the ISA, after the rescue of the hostage Qaid Farhan Alkadi, and approved the continuation of operations in the field, on his way to a visit to the Jordan Valley.

The Chief of General Staff concluded: "We are doing everything we can to save all of the hostages. The IDF and ISA show bravery, determination and initiative in complex operations in the battlefield."

Attached is a photo of the Chief of General Staff, LTG Herzl Halevi:

<https://idfanc.activetrail.biz/ANC27082024789>

IDF: Following the sirens that sounded in the area of Bar Yohai at 15:14, it was determined to be a false identification.

IDF: "During a complex rescue mission, Qaid Farhan Alkadi from the Bedouin community of Rahat who was kidnapped from Israel by Hamas terrorists during their massacre on October 7th has been rescued. He is alive. He is back home in Israel."

Attached is an English video announcement of the IDF Spokesperson, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari: <https://bit.ly/3T5nZiS>

Attached is the full transcript of the video announcement:

"Today, Israeli special forces successfully rescued one of our hostages from Hamas captivity in Gaza.

During a complex rescue mission, Qaid Farhan Alkadi from the Bedouin community of Rahat who was kidnapped from Israel by Hamas terrorists during their massacre on October 7th has been rescued.

He is alive.

He is back home in Israel.

We cannot go into many details of this special operation but I can share that Israeli commandos rescued Qaid Farhan Alkadi from an underground tunnel, following accurate intelligence.

His medical condition is stable and he will undergo examinations in hospital.

His family had been waiting 326 days to receive the news they did today.

But there are still 108 hostages, whose families are still waiting to hear news that their loved ones are home.

And they should know that we will not rest until we fulfill our mission to bring all our hostages back home.

We will pursue the return of our hostages through all means possible I repeat through all means possible."

IDF: Attached is footage of Qaid Farhan Alkadi being rescued from the Gaza Strip by IDF troops

Attached is a photo of Qaid Farhan Alkadi and the the Commanding Officer of the 162nd Division, BG Itzik Cohen moments after the rescue:

<https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC27082024576>

Attached is footage of Qaid Farhan Alkadi in a meeting with the Commanding Officer of the 162nd Division, BG Itzik Cohen and the Commanding Officer of Shayetet 13, Capt. A.

moments after the rescue: <https://bit.ly/3yWzSkq>

Attached are photos of the helicopter landing at the Soroka Medical Center:

<https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC27082024567>

Attached is footage of the helicopter landing at the Soroka Medical Center:

<https://bit.ly/4dH0V20>

IDF: Sirens sounded in northern Israel.

IDF: From the Body-Cams of the Soldiers and Cameras From the Helicopter; Additional Footage From the Moments of the Rescue

Attached is footage from the moments the rescue helicopter landed in the Gaza Strip:

<https://bit.ly/3XjXubG>

Attached is footage of the rescue from cameras on the helicopter, in the armored vehicles of the Nahal Brigade and by the Mobility Unit: <https://bit.ly/4dEnULa>

Attached is footage from the body cameras of the Shayetet 13 soldiers:

<https://bit.ly/3AGYE8n>

Attached is a video announcement of the Commanding Officer of the 162nd Division, BG

Itzik Cohen: <https://bit.ly/4cGDZPe>

Attached are photos of the rescue from cameras on the helicopter:

<https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC27082024235346089>

Attached are photos from the moments of the rescue:

<https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC27082024235234>